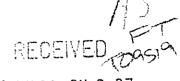


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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have authorized Rear Admiral (lower half) James G. Stavridis, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777. This approval will not be executed prior to the expiration of the required 30-day congressional notification period. The Senate previously confirmed Rear Admiral (lower half) Stavridis as the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and appointment to vice admiral. Rear Admiral (lower half) Stavridis is projected for promotion upon assumption of the position.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Abell Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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